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1. (Unclassified - OLC) Talked with Russ Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, and William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, giving them the background of the issuance of the Agency's paper "Soviet Economic Problems Multiply," copies of which were being sent to them. Darden said he had seen the article in the NEW YORK TIMES and that there was some surprise that this information had been made available to the press before it was made available to the Congress. I re-emphasized to him the fact that there was no "press release" in being at the time the NEW YORK TIMES article appeared and that the paper we were sending him had actually been prepared subsequent to the TIMES article. I told Darden that if he should hear further on this, we would appreciate if he would make it clear that we had given the TIMES and others this background information in response to queries because there was no security reason for withholding the information and that the TIMES just happened to attach more significance to the subject.

2. (Unclassified - OLC) [ ] CA Staff, called to say that State Department had consulted him in connection with the forthcoming hearings by Representative Fascell's Subcommittee. He said State had noted that CIA was listed as a witness and extended an invitation for us to sit in on their preparatory sessions. I advised [ ] that the Director had respectfully declined to participate in these hearings although we had offered to brief Fascell personally on any Agency questions he might have. I added that as far as this office was concerned, we saw no need for the Agency to sit in on the State Department session under these circumstances.

3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Robert Michaels and advised him that the time of ten o'clock on Wednesday, 15 January, was satisfactory with the Director and indicated Mr. McCone had some thoughts on this briefing on which he might contact Mr. Mahon and I would like to keep in touch with Michaels to work out further details.

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